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FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE TO CAGLAYANGIL

REF: ANKARA 918

1. IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDANCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED (STATE) FROM THE SECRETARY ON THE POSITION TO TAKE WITH CAGLAYANGIL REGARDING THE LEVEL OF US ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD REPLY TO THE QUESTION RAISED IN CAGLAYANGIL'S RECENT MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY (REFTEL) AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ORAL MESSAGE THROUGH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER AND UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN REGARDING THE DRAFT LEGISLATION THAT HAS COME OUT OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AS IT PERTAINS TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY IN FY 76. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE CONGRESS THAT ALL ASPECTS OF OUR
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DEFENSE SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY SHOULD BE NORMALIZED

AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THUS FAR ONE BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE HAS TAKEN COMMITTEE ACTION WHICH, THOUGH IT REMOVES THE EMBARGO BY PERMITTING FMS SALES FOR TURKEY, DOES NOT COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION. THIS, HOWEVER, IS ONLY THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE STEP. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET TAKEN ACTION AND IN NEITHER HOUSE HAS THE BILL GONE

TO THE FLOOR. THEREFORE, A FURTHER REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS REMAINS A POSSIBILITY.

3. THE ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO ASSURE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF OUR FULL MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY. IN THIS REGARD THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW DCA AND THE SIMULTANEOUS RESUMPTION OF OUR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AT JOINT INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY WOULD HAVE A VERY POSITIVE EFFECT. FURTHERMORE, OUR APPROACH TO THE CONGRESS ONCE A DCA HAS BEEN SIGNED WILL BE ON AN ENTIRELY NEW BASIS AND WILL, WE BELIEVE, PROVIDE A WAY TO COMPLETE THE RESTORATION OF OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT WHICH WILL GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL HOW WE PROPOSE TO TAKE THIS MATTER TO THE CONGRESS AFTER A DCA IS SIGNED. I SHARE YOUR IMPRESSION THAT RECENT PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS HAS NARROWED THE GAP IN OUR POSITIONS AND ENHANCED THE PROSPECT THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED IN WASHINGTON. INDEED, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A FAVORABLE TIME FOR YOUR VISIT. END MESSAGE.

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